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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of:
PCT/AT 00/00259

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Application No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: METHOD FOR GENERATING
THERMAL ENERGY FROM FINE-
GRAINED OILSEEDS, PREFERABLY
FROM RAPESEED, AND A DEVICE
FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
March 29, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims
(a marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment):

a1
9. (amended) Arrangement according to claim 7, characterized in that a controllable proportioning device (5) is provided in the feed line (3) for feeding in the oilseeds.

a2
15. (amended) Arrangement according to claim 7, characterized in that at least one combustion air supply line (6) leads into the interior tube (11), preferably tangentially.

a3
17. (amended) Arrangement according to claim 7, characterized in that in at least one combustion air supply line (6), a controllable blower (7) is provided.